



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

6:30 PM

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
Present: Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Omodele, Sood, Sim, Lippman
Absent: Kohn, Pelley (excused)
Quorum: 5 (Attended: 7)
Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz, Rhianna Babka
Public Present: None.
2. Agenda Approval
No changes proposed for agenda.
3. Public Comment
None.

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

4. Approve minutes from the 7/21/2021 Regular Meeting (Attachment A) – All
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to approve the 7/21/21 minutes with edits.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Lippman (unconfirmed), Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kohn, Pelley (excused).

5. Approve 2022 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funding Contract (Attachment B)

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Bookstein) to approve the 2022 CSBG funding contract.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Lippman (unconfirmed), Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kohn, Pelley (excused).

6. Review City of Berkeley funded agency Program and Financial reports (Attachment C) — Staff

a. Berkeley Free Clinic program and financial reports

Commissioners review program and financial reports for Berkeley Free Clinic.

Open Items

7. Recommendation: Vacant Properties

Commissioners discuss sending a communication to Council in the future to ask for an update on this item.

8. Recommendation: Tax Transparency

Commissioners discuss the topic of tax transparency.

9. Communication: Alta Bates Update

Omodele will provide the commissioners a draft communication to Council on the topic of Alta Bates for review and approval.

10. Communication: Against Commission Merger

Remove this item from the agenda.

Other Discussion Items

11. Discussion and possible action on communication to Council regarding distribution of rent relief program information – Commissioner Sood (Attachment D)

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Behm-Steinberg) to send the communication to Council with edits.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Lippman (unconfirmed), Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kohn, Pelley (excused).

12. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
Remove this item from the agenda.
13. Discuss potential questionnaire to City Council regarding HWCAC priorities – Commissioner Bookstein
Bookstein discusses how to connect with Council more effectively and removes this item from the agenda.
14. Discussion and possible action regarding how community agency complaints and concerns are addressed – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Sood
Behm-Steinberg discusses concerns with Easy Does It services and complaints.

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to extend the meeting to 8:35PM.
Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Lippman (unconfirmed), Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kohn, Pelley (excused).
15. Discuss 24-hour emergency homeless shelter at 742 Grayson Street – Commissioner Bookstein
Bookstein discusses trash at the interchange of Ashby and I-80 and removes this item from the agenda.
16. Discussion and possible action regarding communication with Council on the status of the Pathways facility consultant’s report – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg (Attachment E)
Behm-Steinberg discusses getting an update on the safety of Pathways facility.
17. Discussion and possible action on communication to Council regarding Easy Does – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to the 11/17/21 meeting.
18. Discuss current state of homelessness in Berkeley – Commissioner Omodele
Continued to the 11/17/21 meeting.
19. Discuss Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein
Continued to the 11/17/21 meeting.
20. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
Continued to the 11/17/21 meeting.
21. Announcements
None.
22. Future Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Sood/Dunner) to adjourn the meeting to 8:39PM.

Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Lippman (unconfirmed), Omodele, Sood, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kohn, Pelley (excused).

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 7/21/2021 Meeting
- B. CSBG 2022 Funding Planning Letter
- C. Program and financial reports from Berkeley Free Clinic
- D. Draft communication to Council regarding distribution of rent relief program information
- E. Pathways Report Update

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